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DEFENDANT DENIED BAIL - TO AWAIT TRIAL DATE IN JAIL

No-show Wambles back in the county jail

by Marvin McLewin - Editor

Last week's no-show in criminal court is back in the Coffee County Jail awaiting the next trial date.

Mickey Gene Wambles, age 38, accompanied by his court appointed attorney, Beverly J. Howard of Montgomery, turned himself into authorities last Thursday afternoon.

It is still not clear as to where

Wambles was last week when he was scheduled to stand trial on attempted murder and burglary charges.

Circuit Judge Gary McAliley issued a warrant for Wambles' arrest when he failed to meet his court date. At the time he turned himself in, authorities were looking for him.

The defendant was free on a

\$400,000 bond put up by Grimsley Bail Bonding Agency in Enterprise. Wambles was arrested last April after a two-day stand-off between himself and state and local law enforcement officers.

The incident took place in the Victoria Community on property owned by the Mustard Seed Foundation. A shelter for abused women

and homeless families operated by the foundation is located on the property.

Wambles had gone to the shelter looking for his estranged wife and their children. They managed to elude him; however, Wambles barricaded himself in one of the mobile homes and remained there for two days.

He was finally persuaded to give himself up after talking with a negotiation team from the Alabama State Troopers.

The charges resulted from Wambles firing at two state troopers and breaking into the mobile home.

Judge McAliley has ordered Wambles to remain in jail without bond until a court date can be set.

Also, the judge has issued a conditional bond forfeiture on Wambles' previous bond of \$400,000. It is possible that Grimsley Bail Bonding Agency may still be held liable for all or part of the bond. A hearing will be held by Judge McAliley to decide the bail matter.

At this time, no court date has been set for Wambles to be tried.



NATIONAL FHA/HERO WEEK... The week of February 12 through 18, 1996, has been designated National FHA/HERO Week with the theme "Youth Leading the Way." Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood has signed a proclamation urging all citizens to acquaint themselves with the activities and values of Future Homemakers of America. Help and encouragement should be given to these young men and women who are working to achieve knowledge and experience that will help prepare them for future responsibilities as active and concerned adult members of society. Pictured above looking on as Mayor Haywood signs the proclamation are (l-r): seated - Amber Frederick, the mayor, and Meghan Lee; standing - Angie Crocker, Donna Clark, and Crissy Houston.

Elba W & E thinking long range

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The January meeting of the Elba Water and Electric Board had members thinking long range business thoughts.

Upon the recommendation of chairman Tim Johnson, the board voted to begin building a reserve fund for emergencies. The board will set aside \$6667 per month until a \$120,000 fund is accumulated.

Johnson noted that Hurricane Opal cost the utility department at least \$175,000 and could have been worse. While much of this will be repaid by FEMA, the next storm may not get a national disaster rating and the burden of repairs will be completely upon the local utility.

The board also voted to pay "as much as possible" on a bank loan of \$125,000 which was due in January. Any amount not paid would be refinanced and paid as soon as the

money is available.

Johnson also recommended the utility purchase five of the Life Line monitors the Elba Police Department is presently installing with elderly citizens who live alone. The cost is \$100 each, for a total of \$500. Approval was unanimous.

Monthly bills totaling \$17,470.19 were approved for payment. \$5,284.32 was electric inventory; \$4,198.68 was water inventory; \$1,507.98 was vehicle repair and \$3,728.80 was radio equipment and repair.

Water Department supervisor Dennis Coleman reported responding to 33 complaints, 13 of which were water leaks. He said they spent Christmas Eve and Day and New Year's Day repairing busted water mains, due to the cold weather.

Electric department supervisor

Jeff Puckett reported working 78 work orders. He also said they met the December 15th deadline on filing damage reports with FEMA.

Board members spent several minutes in executive session at the request of Coleman, reportedly to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken the matter, following their return to open session.

NEW VICE-PRESIDENT OF SALES & MARKETING NAMED

Dorsey Trailers announces '95 earnings

Dorsey Trailers, Inc. (DSYT) recently announced that net sales for the year ending December 1995 reached a record \$227.9 million, an 11% increase over the \$205.6 million for the year 1994.

Sales and net income were severely impacted by the labor strike and eventual shutdown of the Pennsylvania plant.

Net income for 1995 was \$4.2 million, or about one-half the record 1994 level of \$8.7 million. Net income for 1995 and 1994 was favorably impacted by credits from the company's deferred tax valuation reserve of \$1.1 million and \$1.5 million respectively.

Dorsey operated as an S Corporation during the first seven months of 1994, therefore, no normal tax provision was necessary, which favorably impacted 1994 earnings by \$1.6 million.

Net sales for the fourth quarter of 1995 were \$48.6 million, a 17% decrease from the \$58.5 million for the fourth quarter in 1994. Operations for the fourth quarter of 1995 resulted in a net loss of \$1.0 million, compared to net income for the same period in 1994 of \$42.5 million.

The net loss for the fourth quarter included a tax benefit of \$0.5 million. Fourth quarter 1994 net income included no income tax expense due to a credit from utilization of \$1.0 million in deferred tax valuation reserve.

Marilyn R. Marks, president and chief executive officer, commented on the results stating, "Sales for the year reached a record level despite

the company's Pennsylvania plant being shut down for most of the second half of the year due to a labor strike.

"Operating results for the second half of the year were significantly adversely impacted by this strike and the eventual shutdown of the plant late in 1995, resulting from the failure to reach a collective bargaining agreement."

The negative impact of this situation on 1995 earnings is estimated by Dorsey to be approximately \$0.31 per share for the fourth quarter and \$0.51 per share for the last half of 1995.

Miss Marks further commented that the recently opened Cartersville, GA facility started producing in late December, and plans to continue to increase production rates throughout the first half of 1996 as on track with a very aggressive start-up plan.

"The plant, which is a replacement for the closed Pennsylvania facility, is geographically advantageous, efficiently structured, and provides many significant competitive cost advantages in the flatbed trailer market," she said. "Our goal

in Cartersville is to be the low cost producer of flatbed trailers, while continuing to provide our superior quality product."

Looking ahead, Miss Marks noted that the trailer industry expects a challenging year in 1996, with pricing pressures resulting from decreased demand as customers are experiencing a soft freight market and reducing capital spending accordingly.

In addition, many large manufacturers added significant production capacity in 1995, which will likely be underutilized in 1996.

"However, Dorsey did not succumb to the pressures and temptation to add capacity last year," said Marks. "Therefore, Dorsey is uniquely well-positioned to capitalize on the expected downturn, due to our modest debt load, our new efficient plant and our excellent relationships with well-financed growing carriers."

Also last week, Dorsey announced that Hank Carter has joined the company as vice-president of sales and marketing.

Carter will have the responsibility for the company's total sales efforts, including distribution through the nationwide network of Dorsey dealers, as well as the rapid growing na-

tional account business.

Before joining Dorsey, Carter was president of Constar International, a \$900 million manufacturer of plastic containers, and a Crown Cork & Seal Company. This business and

Dorsey Trailers were formerly sister operations under the ownership of The Dorsey Corporation prior to the LBO (Leverage Buy Out) of Dorsey Trailers in 1987.

Marks stated that, "We are exceptionally fortunate to have recruited an executive with his reputation and experience."

"I worked with Hank for many years when we were part of the same corporate family, and I am confident of the management experience and sales and marketing expertise he brings to our organization."

She continued, "His skills will help the company continue to respond to the challenging market, which is undergoing rapid changes as a result of depressed freight demand and the equipment overcapacity, as well as trailer industry capacity."

Dorsey designs, manufactures, and markets one of the broadest lines of high-quality, customized truck trailers. The company's flagship plant is located in Elba with corporate office in Atlanta, GA.

Brian Payne to speak at Elba Chamber of Commerce Banquet

This year's speaker for the Elba Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet is Brian Payne.

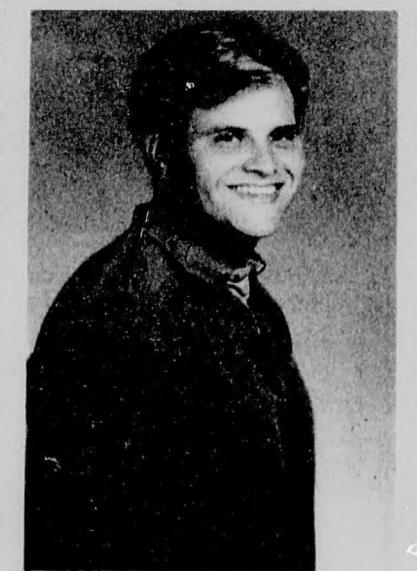
Payne is a 1986 graduate of Enterprise High School. He attended Elba schools until 1982 when his family moved to Enterprise.

The featured speaker graduated from the University of Alabama in 1993 with a masters degree in marketing. While at the university, he played football.

Payne worked for Wallace Computer services in Birmingham until June of 1994, when he began working at Big Oak Ranch in Gadsden, AL.

He serves as strength and conditioning coach for the ranch's football team. Brian also teaches a Bible class for the 9th grade class and serves as a counselor.

Brian has been a featured speaker at the Football Christian Association



at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, and has spoken at several schools and churches. Brian's mother and father, Jenny and Keith Payne, now reside in Elba.

NEWS BRIEFS

A local business man was named to a state board by Alabama Governor Fob James. On January 2, 1996, Everett Kelley, one of the owners of Kelley Foods of Alabama, was appointed to the Meat & Poultry Advisory Council by the Governor. Kelley's term of service on the council will expire January 2, 2002.

The Governor's Office has announced the awarding of bids on two highway projects in Coffee County. The first project, which is the resurfacing and traffic striping on Co. Rd. 364 (Taylor Mill Road) from AL Hwy. 141 to AL Hwy. 203 (by-pass) and Co. Rd. 617 from from Co. Rd. 636 to 686, has been awarded to Couch, Inc. Their bid was \$407,936.94. The second project is the bridge replacement on Co. Rd. 156 at Steep Head Creek. F&W Construction Co. was awarded the bid at \$223,514.75. Both projects are to be completed within 60 working days.

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New service organization to assist citizens with disabilities

by Marvin McLewin - Editor

Recently, a new organization to assist citizens with disabilities in independent living has been started.

A grant has been awarded to the South Central Alabama Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities (SCACCD) to promote independent living services for (ILS) persons with disabilities.

Independent Living Services embraces the idea that individuals with a disability should have access to the resources that will allow them to achieve their maximum level of independence.

Gail Adams, executive director of ILS, said, "By providing information, referral, advocacy, and peer support services plus networking with helpful agencies and/or individuals, we can assist with many of a disabled individual's needs."

Andalusia has been chosen by the

Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (SDRS) as a rural site - the first office of its type in Alabama. ILS's offices are located in the Covington County Health Department.

Helping others help themselves is what it's all about!

The SCACCD worked diligently to obtain grant funding for this office. The basic services are free since the venture is funded by a federal grant received through ADHS.

Anyone with a disability (physical or psychiatric) or anyone interested in helping someone with a disability that lives within a fifty mile radius of Andalusia should contact the ILS offices.

For more information concerning ILS contact Gail Adams at (334)222-1175 Ext. 69 or mail inquiries to Adams at Covington County Health Department Building, P.O. Box 186, Andalusia, AL 36420.

School Board names two new employees

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board met in special session recently and approved the hiring of two new employees.

Hilda Rudolph was hired as an aide in the elementary school. She is a certified teacher and is replacing a former aide who accepted a full time teaching position in the Coffee County schools.

Also hired was Wesley Devane, who will work as a transportation mechanic. The position became available when long time transportation supervisor Arthur (Red) Wilson announced his official retirement.

However, the school board voted to hire Wilson back as a part time employee, working at the bus shop and assisting in other areas. He will work four hours a day.

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* * HAPPENINGS * *

CHAMBER BANQUET. The Elba Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, February 3, 1996, at 6:00 p.m. in the Elba High School Cafeteria. Scheduled speaker is Bryan Payne, Big Oak Ranch, Gadsden, AL (formerly of Elba) and entertainment by ESJC (Enterprise State Junior College) Entertainers. Price - \$15.00 per individual. Tickets may be obtained by calling the Chamber of Commerce office at 897-3125 or contacting any Chamber Board Member.

BLOOD DRIVE. The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the Elba High School Practice Gym on Tuesday, February 13, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come and participate in giving the gift of life!

COUNCIL MEETING. The New Brockton Town Council will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, February 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the council's chamber in city hall.

COUNTYWIDE MEETING. U.S. Senator Richard Shelby will host a countywide meeting for the residents of Coffee County on Friday, February 16, at 10:00 a.m. in the council's chamber at Enterprise City Hall.

HOME, FARM & GARDEN SHOW. The Coffee County Home, Farm and Garden Show will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 17 & 18, at the Coffee County Farm Complex in New Brockton, AL. Display spaces are available for \$110 and sales spaces are available for \$160. Call Jim Sparrow at 392-3566 or 347-7368; the Extension Office at 894-5596; or the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

To be sure it is not forgotten, the first words this week are to remind readers of the Coffee County Home, Farm and Garden Show, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, February 17 & 18. The event is held in the New Brockton Farm Center and is a cooperative effort of citizens and organizations countywide. See you there.

Saturday is the date for the Elba Chamber of Commerce banquet. The event is an eating affair and is held in the Elba High School. It is always good to see local people out supporting this organization, which exists solely to promote Elba. Grocery time is 6:00 p.m.

There is an article on the front page this week about the Water and Electric Board setting up a reserve fund for emergencies. This is a good thing, because after the electric system or water tower is destroyed, it is too late for saving up money. Years ago there was one of these funds, but as the utility and/or the city needed money, it was eaten away and forgotten. Hopefully, the temptation to spend will not get into this account.

Alabama citizens are busy bemoaning the high civil suit awards in the state and/or fusing about efforts to cap the judgements. Barbour County comes in for it's share of the criticism but last week they got on the other end with praise for their innovations. A circuit judge in Barbour County has put into practice a system which cuts the cost of jury selections. It also apparently saves time for everyone involved, lawyers and citizens called for jury duty. Salute!

The time expires today in the special tort reform session of the Alabama Legislature. One daily newspaper writer was marveling at the confusion with keeping up with the players. He wrote about how hard it is to keep up with which side is pushing tort reform and which side is trying to kill it. It is the Business Council against the Trial Lawyers, if you believe the flood of name calling coming out of Montgomery. The governor is right in the middle, with both sides shooting at his proposals. Whatever happens in the Senate this week, insiders predict the wounds will not heal for a long while after the regular legislative session starts in February. The losers will be the people of Alabama.

Thursday afternoon we were treated to a personal tour of Cash Brothers Leasing. While Chamber of Commerce groups all across the nation are running around the country wooing industry, our hometown folks are literally exploding as they grow their new business by leaps and bounds. Trailer leasing is their official business, but it is apparent they will do other things if they see a business opportunity. Ironically, this was my first tour through their new building, on their recently purchased industrial property, and the young company is already outgrowing it's facilities!

City politics... we ain't heard a single additional name following our comments last week about the apparent lack of interest in the city council race. A number of people have agreed with our observation that there are very few names being batted around for the council race this summer. This might be a good time for those with secret dreams of serving in city government to step forward and let their willingness be known to others in their respective voting district.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Tort reform should be debated by all of the people

by Senator Dwight Adams
District #31

As the special session on tort reform reaches the home stretch, it appears that little, if any, progress will be made to stop lawsuit abuse in Alabama and rein in punitive damage verdicts that are hurting all Alabamians.

If meaningful tort reform does not pass in this special session it will be unfortunate for many reasons. Untold numbers of jobs will be lost because many companies are afraid to expand or locate in Alabama because of the high risk of being hit with multimillion dollar lawsuits. While other states increase incentives to attract new jobs, Alabama reconfirms the greatest possible disincentive for new jobs, a legal lottery system.

It is also unfortunate that, to date, the full Senate has not been given the opportunity to even consider all of the bills that have been introduced. On an issue this big, no compromise should be used to kill important legislation. Fraud, product liability, mini-code and arbitration are only a few of the issues that should be

considered by the full Senate. Unfortunately, the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Roger Bedford, is using his position to hold these important issues, but many other important bills will not end this travesty on the fight against lawsuit abuse. If, as he says he will, Bedford becomes a strong candidate for the United States Senate, this abuse of power and blatant conflict of interest will dog him every step of the way.

Speaking of the United States Senate race, Republican businessman Sid McDonald displayed the kind of integrity Alabamians expect when he stepped aside as Chairman of Alabama Voters Against Lawsuit Abuse. Since the focus has now shifted to Bedford, McDonald wanted to eliminate the perception that he might be using AVALA to attack a potential future opponent. Without McDonald, the focus on lawsuit abuse would not be happening in Alabama today. Over the past two years, McDonald has bravely led the effort to stop lawsuit abuse—even at the expense of unremitting personal attacks by plaintiff trial lawyers. As a successful businessman, he understands the high

price paid by all Alabamians due to this problem. It would be interesting later this year if Alabamians had the opportunity to choose between Democrat trial lawyer Roger Bedford and Republican businessman Sid McDonald. Bedford and Republican businessman Sid McDonald displayed the kind of integrity Alabamians expect when he stepped aside as Chairman of Alabama Voters Against Lawsuit Abuse. Since the focus has now shifted to Bedford, McDonald wanted to eliminate the perception that he might be using AVALA to attack a potential future opponent. Without McDonald, the focus on lawsuit abuse would not be happening in Alabama today. Over the past two years, McDonald has bravely led the effort to stop lawsuit abuse—even at the expense of unremitting personal attacks by plaintiff trial lawyers. As a successful businessman, he understands the high

ELBA POLICE REPORT

JAN. 23, 1996 Thru JAN. 29, 1996

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, January 23, 1995, investigated the following incidents: (12:27 a.m.); Burglary reported at Kelly's Bar-B-Que (8:05 a.m.); Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (9:29 a.m.).

Arrests were made during the week.

The following traffic citations were issued during the week: three for speeding and two for reckless driving. Daily activity highlights were as follows:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23 - River stage - 7.70 feet (6:11 a.m.); Alarm at Elba General Hospital (4:14 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Ann St. (6:43 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 349 (6:52 p.m.); Rescue run from Elba General Hospital to Flowers Hospital (7:30 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 - Alarm at Weeks' Tire (5:35 a.m.); River stage - 8.03 feet (6:20 a.m.); Alarm at Elba General Hospital (3:54 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Woodland Dr. (10:35 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25 - River stage - 8.74 feet (6:16 a.m.); Burglary reported at Industrial Lifts (6:39 a.m.); Burglary reported at Pope Bros. (6:43 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Adams St. (8:41 a.m.); Powder reported at Mullins Apt. (11:58 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 - River stage - 7.81 feet (6:13 a.m.); Burglary reported at a storage building on Reddock Hill (8:23 a.m.); Routine activity.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 - Alarm at a residence on Claxton Ave. (12:13 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Morrow St. (12:22 a.m.);

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COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
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**ELBA
GENERAL HOSPITAL
REPORT**

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of January 23, 1996 through January 29, 1996. They were: Mary Griggs, Edna Bailey, Jana Beck, Sherri Manning, Savannah Ellis, Mary Harris, Steve Wright, Coley Smith, Katelyn Hutto, Kate Hudson, Oneal Hattaway, Jane Goodson, Amber Hanna, Rosie Jackson, Mavis Legear, Cynthia Hudson, Ashley Portrey, Wanda Beck, Clint Flowers, Thomas Cole, Allen Johnson, Pauline Wood, Chelsea Dempsey, and Mozell McCormick. Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Sid Odom, Lucille Boswell, Annie Campbell, Lois Locklar, Steve Wright, Mozell McCormick, Ollie Hussey, Henry Woods, Lamar Edgingsworth, Mary Griggs, Jana Beck, Sherri Manning, Savannah Ellis, Mary Harris, Coley Smith, Katelyn Hutto, Kate Hudson, Oneal Hattaway, Jane Goodson, Amber Hanna, Rosie Jackson, Mavis Legear, Ashley Portrey, Wanda Beck, Clint Flowers, Thomas Cole, Mary Johnson, and Inez Hussey.

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AREA DEATHS

ELIZABETH ANN HORNSBY

Elizabeth Ann Hornsby, age 57 of Panama City Beach, Florida, died Saturday, January 27, 1996 in a Florida hospital. Mrs. Hornsby was a native of Elba, Alabama.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 30, 1996 at Kent-Forrest Lawn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jerry Weaver and Rev. Burney Ensor officiating. Burial followed in the Forest Lawn Cemetery with Kent-Forrest Lawn Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy H. Hornsby of Panama City Beach, FL; three daughters, Stacy Brannon and her husband, Joey, and Shea Hornsby, both of Panama City, FL; Shelia White of Dauphin Island, Alabama; her mother, Gladys Bulard of Elba, AL; a brother, Bill Bulard of Elba, AL; and 5 grandchildren.

WAYNE A. BRUNSON
Wayne A. Brunson, age 60 of Covington, Georgia, died Saturday, January 27, 1996 in a Waco, Texas hospital.

Mr. Brunson served with the United States Marine Corps. Memorial services were held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 31, 1996 from New Covenant Community Church. Services were directed by A.C. Hauerley and Sons, Inc.

Survivors include his wife, Geri Shirley Brunson of Covington, GA; three daughters, Sandra Lee Young of Middleburg, Virginia, Deborah Lynn Booth of Covington, GA, and Dewanya Alvina Brunson Pullum of Rex, GA; his parents, Foster and Nellie Brunson of East Point, GA; two brothers, John Milton Brunson of Ft. Worth, TX and Randall Sanford Brunson of Warner Robins, GA; two sisters, Lynda Darnell Moore of Gainesville, Florida and Elaine Patricia Barber of Decatur, Alabama; four grandchildren.

WILLIAM CICERO (BUD) GOODSON

William Cicero (Bud) Goodson, age 83 of New Brockton, Alabama, died Saturday, January 27, 1996 in a Dothan AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, January 29, 1996 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Fred Kelley and Rev. John K. Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Hillcrest Memorial Garden, Elba, AL, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Nell P. Kelley of Alexander City, AL; three sons and daughters-in-law, Larry C. and Sarah Kelley of Edict, AL, Mike and Peggy Kelley of Clanton, AL, and Ricky and Susie Kelley of Alexander City, AL; three sisters, Carvie Abernethy and Lois Gilbert, both of Elba, AL, and Neil Hughey of New Brockton, AL; 8 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren.

HAZEL LOUISE FLOWERS
Hazel Louise Flowers, age 67 of Troy, Alabama, died Wednesday, January 24, 1996 in a Troy, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 27, 1996 from the Jack Assembly of God Church, Jack, AL, with Rev. Walter Faulk officiating.

Burial followed in the church cemetery with Dillard Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband, Federal Flowers of Troy, AL; two sons, Johnny Flowers of Henderson, AL and Jackie Ray Flowers of Centerville, AL; one grandson, Jimmy Gerald Flowers of Georgia; three great grandchildren, five sisters, Vivian Brunson of the Zion Chapel Community, Virginia Allen and Ann Wallace, both of the Bowers Community, Betty Lou Marler of Opp, AL, Gene Ella Bowen of Orlando, Florida; three brothers, Harold Marler of Elba, AL, Fred Marler of Birmingham, AL, and Robert Marler of Atlanta, GA.

C. C. KELLEY

C.C. Kelley, age 74 of Alexander City, Alabama, died Sunday, January 28, 1996 in an Alexander City, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 30, 1996 from the Radney Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Craig Guy officiating.

Burial followed in the Hillview Memorial Park with Radney Funeral Home directing.

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Survivors include her husband, Federal Flowers of Troy, AL; two sons, Johnny Flowers of Henderson, AL and Jackie Ray Flowers of Centerville, AL; one grandson, Jimmy Gerald Flowers of Georgia; three great grandchildren, five sisters, Vivian Brunson of the Zion Chapel Community, Virginia Allen and Ann Wallace, both of the Bowers Community, Betty Lou Marler of Opp, AL, Gene Ella Bowen of Orlando, Florida; three brothers, Harold Marler of Elba, AL, Fred Marler of Birmingham, AL, and Robert Marler of Atlanta, GA.

Love is blind, but marriage restores its sight.
—Lichtenberg

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor & Coffee County Sheriff's Department:

I lost a brother, Louie Wambles, on January 6, 1996. He lived near a hill on a paved county road.

The sheriff's department was contacted to put out some funeral signs. They were also told the location of his home, which is just below Leslie Hussey's home. Leslie is employed with the sheriff's department. The lady we spoke with on the phone was Ruth. After this call, no signs were put out.

Then, on January 27, 1996, I drove up in my brother's neighbor's yard and there lay two funeral signs. This makes me very upset to think that my brother was born and lived in Coffee County for 76 years and this is the way the sheriff's department works.

A very upset ex-Coffee County citizen,
Mary L. Carpenter
Rt. 2 Box 55
Dozier, AL 36028

Editor's Note: The Coffee County Sheriff's Department was contacted concerning the above matter. According to Sheriff Ben Motter, funeral signs were put up by a deputy at the residence. They were later removed by a neighbor and not the sheriff's department.

Dear People of Coffee & Pike Counties:
I have accepted a position in Washington, DC beginning in February and wanted to thank you for the hospitality I've received since moving here in 1992. Many thanks to District Attorney Joel Folmar and his fine staff for providing me the opportunity to work in the 12th Circuit and thank you to all my friends in the Courts, Department of Human Resources, and throughout this area for your friendship.

Coffee and Pike counties are a wonderful place to live and work and I've been blessed to have been here.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Bryan E. Morgan

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Henry Junior Rayborn recently retired from Dorsey Trailers with more than 32 years of service. Most of those years he worked as a painter in the Paint Department. On his retirement day, he was presented an engraved gold watch in appreciation of his many years of dedicated service.

Friends at Dorsey wish of Henry much happiness as he does a lot of fishing, takes care of his beautiful flowers, and helps other people.

NOTICE
The American Red Cross will sponsor a Blood Drive Tuesday, February 13, from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm at Elba High School in the practice gym. Everyone is urged to participate in this drive.

Community & Church News

Mallorie Holloway is one year old



Mallorie Holloway turned 1 year old on December 8, 1995. She is the daughter of Herb and Sandra Holloway of the Damascus Community. Mallorie is the granddaughter of Irene Grant and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Holloway Jr., and her great-grandmother is Bama Holloway.

United Methodist Women Dothan District to host mission study

The Dothan District United Methodist Women are hosting a Mission Study on Ecclesiastes. The instructor will be Mrs. Louise Cherry. The study will be held at Grimes United Methodist Church, February 17, 1996. A nursery will be provided for those who need one. Registration must be turned in by February 12, 1996 to De Smith, P.O. Box 204, Malvern, AL 36349 or 334-792-7969, along with \$2.00 for lunch. Gathering will be at 9:30 a.m., the program starts at 10:00 and will be over at 3:00.

Mallorie Holloway

National article highlights worldwide ministries

First Assembly of God, located at 1357 Highland Drive, announced that the worldwide denomination with which it is affiliated, the Assemblies of God, is featured in the March/April issue of The Saturday Evening Post. The full length article profiles the organization's ministries throughout the world while also focusing on outreach programs for those who reside in the inner cities and for teenagers involved in drugs.

Miss America 1996, Shawntia Smith, discusses her Assemblies of God heritage, as does former Missouri governor, now U.S. Senator, John Ashcroft. Assemblies of God members in the House, Rep. Linda Smith and Rep. Todd Tiahrt, also were interviewed for the article.

The Assemblies of God, with international headquarters in Springfield, Missouri, boasts a U.S. constituency of 2.3 million members and adherents, and a worldwide attendance of 30 million. The denomination is served by nearly 2,000 foreign missionaries in 140 countries.

Elba First Assembly of God's local outreach programs include: Primetime, a ministry for senior adults; Living Water Youth Ministries; Youth Drama Team; Youth Choir and Praise Band; Nursing Home Sunday School Class and Outreach; T.A.K.E. Pride Youth Discipleship; Kids Church and Puppet Ministry; Foreign Missions Support; Youth Speed the Light Missions Pledge; Sanctuary Choir; visitation and prayer groups; and three weekly worship services.

The two greatest stimulants in the world are youth and debt.

—Benjamin Disraeli

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NBHS Winter Festival to be held Saturday, February 10

The New Brockton High School Winter Festival will be held Saturday, February 10, 1996 at the high school. This event is sponsored by the New Brockton High School PTO.

The festival will consist of a dinner with a gospel singing to follow. Dinner will be served in the lunchroom beginning at 4:00 p.m. and serving will end at 6:00 p.m. You must have an advance ticket for dinner. The singing will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium, and run until all groups have finished. The headline performers will be the Williams Family from Florida.

Proceeds go to the New Brockton High School PTO. Any interested parties should contact Amanda Thrasher at New Brockton High School at (334) 894-2350; home (334) 894-5434; or Ron McMonagle at (334) 894-2076.

Dinner tickets will be \$4 each. This includes one meat and two vegetables, plus bread, drink, and dessert. Singing tickets will be \$3 and may be purchased at the door. Combo tickets will be \$6 each. This includes the dinner and singing.

Any local church group is invited to participate. The deadline to enter is February 4, 1996.

Grant Coleman receives scholarship

Grant Coleman, a resident of Elba, is the 1995-96 recipient of the University of Alabama annual Golden Key National Honor Society KPMG Peat Marwick Scholar's Award.

Grant is majoring in biology and carries a 4.0 grade point average. He is a member of Gamma Beta Phi, Phi Eta Sigma, and Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Societies. He has served as secretary and treasurer of the Men's Honor Hall and plays baritone in the Million Dollar Band. The scholarship is awarded to the outstanding junior and senior initiate of the chapter based on overall scholastic performance, honors and awards received, leadership, campus and community activity, and work commitments. Over \$100,000,000 has been given nationally in scholarships. The KPMG Peat Marwick Foundation is a sponsor of the scholarship program.

Golden Key National Honor Society is one of the nation's most dynamic academic honors organizations. Its objective is to unite diverse individuals while nurturing and rewarding the academic efforts of top students in all disciplines. Since its inception in 1977, the Society has chapters at colleges in the U.S., Canada, Australia, and elsewhere. With more than 500,000 lifetime members, Golden Key is committed to the recognition, encouragement, and promotion of scholastic excellence.

Grant plans to attend dental school and pursue a degree in orthodontics. He is the son of Nelda Coleman and Gerry Coleman.



Bailey Renee Daugherty celebrates second birthday

Bailey Renee Daugherty celebrated her 2nd birthday on October 26, 1995. She had a Halloween theme party and received many wonderful gifts from family and friends.

Mission Retreat planned at Camp Victory Feb. 2-4

A Missions Retreat for students and singles at Camp Victory will be held February 2-4, 1996. The retreat begins with supper on Friday night at 7:00 and ends after breakfast on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. To register please call Camp Victory at (334) 898-7948. The cost will be \$20.00.

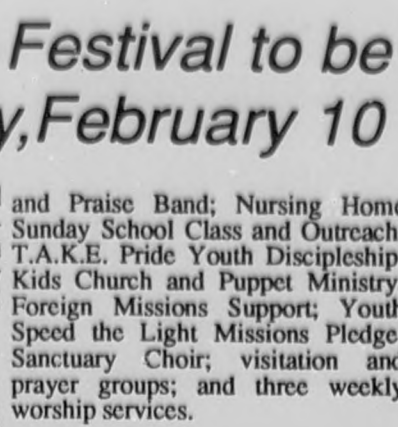
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Revival to be held at Country Cathedral

Country Cathedral located on U.S. Hwy. 84, East of Opp, will hold revival services February 4-7. Rev. Michael Bush from Red Level will be the guest speaker and will minister in word and song.

The services will begin Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, they will be at 7:00 p.m.

Tri-County Sweetheart Beauty Pageant will be held at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, February 10, 1996 at the Elba Elementary School. The pageant is sponsored by Elba Masonic Lodge #170. Contact Kathy Malar at 897-2671 for more information.



New Ebenezer Baptist Church to hold winter bible study

Winter Bible Study will be held February 4, 6, and 7 at New Ebenezer Baptist Church. Study times will be at 5:00 p.m., Sunday, and 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday. "Amos" will be the topic of the study and it will be conducted by Dr. John Granger. For more information call 897-6236.



KEELEY REBECCA DAUGHERTY

Chuck and Michelle Daugherty would like to announce the birth of their second daughter, Keeley Rebecca Daugherty. Keeley was born September 29, 1995 at 1:50 p.m. She weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 in. long.

Keeley was welcomed home by her sister, Bailey, her grandmother, Becky Wyatt, grandparents, Donnie and Janice Daugherty; her aunts, Regina Machado and Shea Frent; and her cousin, Korie Machado.

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Valentine's Banquet to be held at New Ebenezer

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The Melody Trio

Homecoming weekend planned at Love's Way

Homecoming for Love's Way Church will begin Saturday night, February 3, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. with The Melody Trio from Roan Mountain, Tennessee. Homecoming Day, Sunday, February 4, 1996, morning worship will begin at 10:45 a.m. with Rev. Walter Faulk, pastor of Jack Assembly of God Church ministering. Lunch will be served immediately following this service. An afternoon singing is planned following lunch. Jeff and Sheri Easter of Nashville, Tennessee will be ministering in song.

Love's Way Church is located 3 miles west of Enterprise on Highway 134 (Damascus Road). For more information call (334) 393-6731.

Clark Taylor will minister at Abundant Life Church on February 11, 1996 at 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and February 12-16, 1996 at 7:00 each night. The church is located on 414 W. Washington Street, Samson, AL. A nursery will be provided.

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Happy Birthday! The Hussey Bunch

As a child she pouted and her head she banged Denise your "27" Ain't it time you changed!



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PASTOR'S CORNER

Dr. Tony Dye

Westside Baptist Church

Is Sin Serious?

When a disease is diagnosed, it is important to ask the question: "Is it serious?" It is even more important to ask that question about the spiritual disease of sin. Many people will almost cheerfully admit to being sinners, because they have no idea what this means. They treat it as being "just human nature", or they shelter behind the fact that "everybody does it." Those statements dodge the real issue: "Is sin serious?" Here are some of the things the Bible says about you as a sinner.

We are debased. This does not mean that we are as bad as we can possibly be, nor that we are constantly committing every sin. It does not mean that we cannot tell right from wrong, or do things that are pleasant and helpful. It does mean that sin has invaded every part of our nature and personality—our mind, will, affections, conscience, disposition, and imagination.

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure.... (Jeremiah 17:9). The root of our trouble is not what we do but what we are. A person sins because he is a sinner.

We are defiled. The Bible pulls no punches here: "For from within, out, adulterers, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance, and folly," (Mark 7:21-22). Notice that the list includes thoughts, words, and actions. This shows that in God's sight all sin is equally serious. Some people think this idea of sin to things like murder, adultery, and robbery, but the Bible makes it clear that we have no right to think of sin in this way. Sin is anything that fails to meet God's perfect standards. Anything we say, think or do that is less than perfect is sin. Now we must face up to this question: "Who can say, 'I have kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin'?" (Proverbs 20:9). Can you? If not, you are defiled.

We are defiant. The Bible teaches that "sin is lawlessness" (1 John 3:4). Deliberate rebellion against God's authority and law. No civil law forces us to lie, cheat, have impure thoughts, or sin in any other way. We choose to do this, because we break God's holy law. We deliberately disobey Him and every day.... (Psalm 7:11). God can never be "soft" about sin, and we can be sure that not even one sin will go unpunished!

Some small part of God's punishment of sin comes in this life (we can feel when on the Day of Judgment "each one of us will give an account of himself to God...." (Romans 14:12).

The only cure for this serious disease called sin is the blood of Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish (because of sin), but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him," (John 3:16-17). Give your life to Jesus Christ and find the cure for your serious disease.

Freedom Fund Dinner Theatre to be held Feb. 17th

On February 17, 1996 the Coffee County Chapter of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) will host their Freedom Fund Dinner Theatre at the Enterprise Civic Center. The event will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will feature the drama presentation "A Silent Cry for Help."

The drama spotlights two teens, a young girl and boy, reaching out to a community gang when both feel that the people around them are not acknowledging their needs. Although both are searching for different things, the cost is still the same. The action causes you to laugh, gasp, and hold your breath in suspense, and applaud the message it gives to both young and old.

Nine pre-teens, teens, and young adults have assumed roles in this drama. The characters are the Proctor played by Sherry (Hark) Jackson, Big K played by Kenneth Cannon, Ajax played by Ray Wilkerson, the Magician played by Kendrick Green, Sweet Ice played by Shalotta Wilkerson, Doc played by Montel Phillips, Sharon played by Latoya Bethea, Sheila played by Jandee Jackson, and Alexis Moore playing the role of the narrator. These performers have participated in many dramas that deal with present day issues and the attitude of our society.

Those present were Mary Seavey, Rushia Blanton, Harper Smart, Maie Wambles, Zealon and Evelyn Smith, Sammie and Inez Wambles. The members entertained themselves by playing games and having fellowship. Several members were missing due to sickness and the others hope they will return soon. The seniors that meet at the foundation would like to invite others to join their fellowship. The board of directors may contact Rev. John Gray of Elba Zion Baptist Church.

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Scripture: Romans 8:1-12.

Thinking of you, praying for you. Mrs. Willie Pearl Daniels, Mr. Vince Cole, the McKinnon family, Mrs. Adell Underwood, Mrs. Rose Daniels, Mrs. Mary Jackson, Mrs. Pastine Cole, Mrs. Ester M. Daniels, Mrs. Mozelle McCormick, Mrs. Mary E. Holley, Mr. Joseph Long, Mrs. Cassie B. Reese, Mrs. Lovie Hooks.

Annual Matron's Day Celebration

The Matron Department of New Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Troy, AL, celebrated their Annual Matrons Day on Sunday, January 28, 1996. The guest speaker was Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor of Rocky Head MB Church, Elba, AL and Shiloh MB Church of Tarentum, AL. The guest choir was Rocky Head Senior and Shiloh Church combined. Those attending were Rev. Williams, Rev. LaRay and Keitha; Hattie Bell Carpenter; Mary A. Hooks; Lucinda Carpenter; Britany Daniels; Freddy Culver and Patsie; Annie Pearl Carpenter and Catherly; Samuel Flourner; Mary and Evelyn; William Carpenter; Williams; Della Magwood; J.L. and Estella Williams; Phyllis Barnes; Grover and Eria Belcher.

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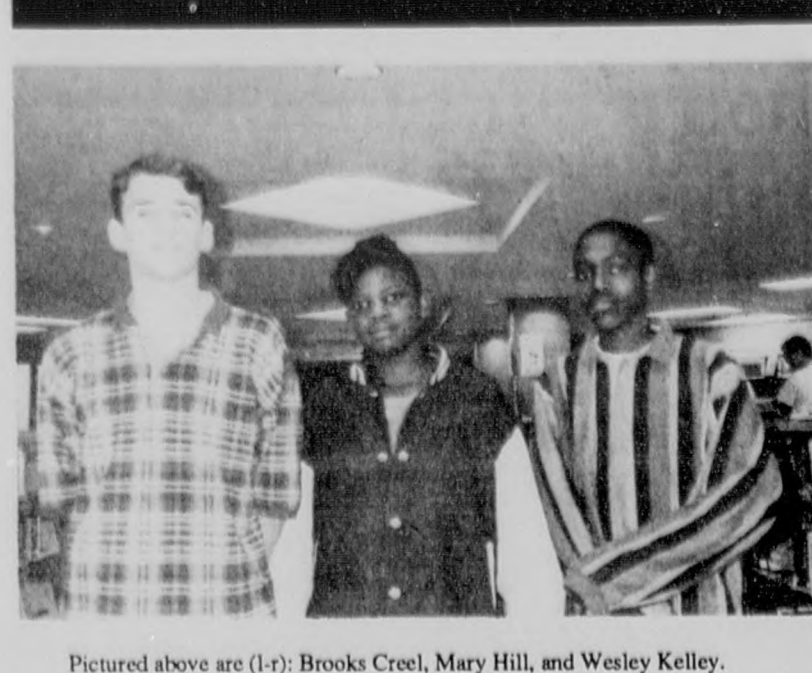
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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Pictured above are (l-r): Brooks Creel, Mary Hill, and Wesley Kelley.

by Kayla Phillips & Regina Austin
Sharia Brown is the daughter of Carl and Margaret Brown. Her hobbies include playing basketball and volleyball. She is a member of FBLA, FHA, and Rocky Head Baptist Church. Her greatest accomplishment was when she learned how to play volleyball.
Mary Hill is the daughter of E.H. and Dorothy Hill. Her hobbies include kickball, basketball, softball, and volleyball. She is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ. The thing she likes most about EHS is changing classes.
Warren Giles is the son of Kathy Giles. He attends the United Methodist Church and is a member of FFA. His hobby is listening to music. The things he loves most about EHS are break and lunch.
Wesley Kelley is the son of Eamonn Kelley. He attends Rocky Head Baptist Church and is a member of FFA. His hobby is playing basketball.
Brooks Creel is the son of Danny Creel. He attends Whitewater Baptist Church and is a member of FFA and SADD. His hobbies are playing football and baseball.

Jr. Beta Club Initiation

by Wyndi Baker
 On Wednesday, January 17, 1996, the Jr. Beta Club had their initiation for new members. The girls and boys that were new in the club had to dress up as Baby Betas. All of the members had a great time. When approached by the Sr. Beta



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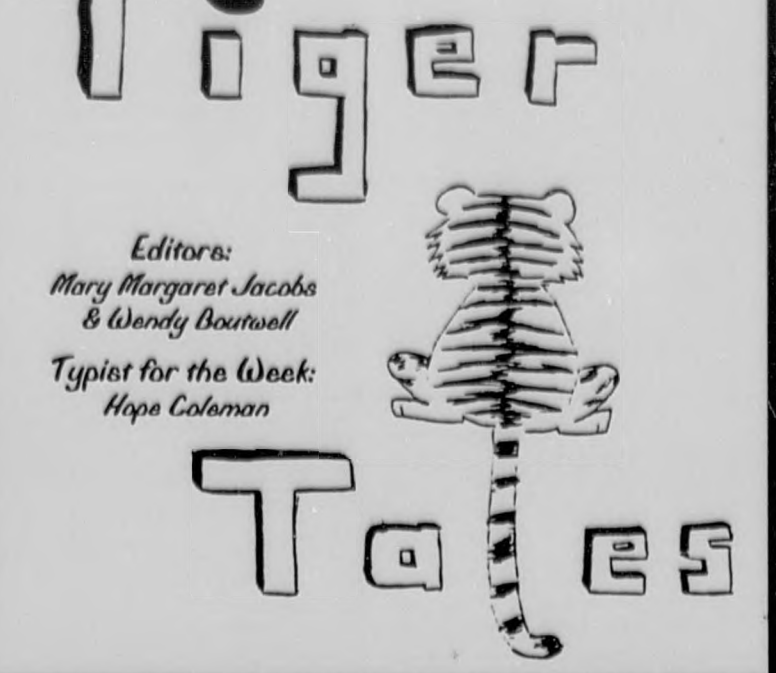
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Elba City Schools Menu

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BREAKFAST

Monday - Cinnamon Toast or Cereal, Juice, Milk

Tuesday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Juice, Milk

Wednesday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Juice, Milk

Thursday - Pancakes w/Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk

Friday - Toast & Jelly or Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Corn Dog, Cheese & Macaroni, Turnips w/Pork, Pear Half, Milk

Tuesday - Spaghetti, Green Salad, Field Peas, Rolls, Fruit, Milk

Wednesday - Pizza, Corn, Potato Tots, Fruit, Milk

Thursday - Chicken, Rice, Green Beans, Orange Slice, Bread, Milk

Friday - Turkey Waffle, Cranberry Sauce, English Peas, Apple, Roll, Milk

JUNIOR SPOTLIGHT



Pictured above are (l-r): Troy Bryan, Vipul Patel, and Dana Williams.

by Marah Tills & Jarrod Adkinson

Melissa Kidd is the daughter of Glenda and Danny Kidd. She enjoys swimming and riding horses. Melissa is a member of FBLA, FFA, and Faith Chapel Church. Her greatest accomplishment was passing Mrs. Rhodes' English class.

Troy Bryan is the son of Debbie and Tyler Bryan. He enjoys playing football and baseball. Troy is an active member of FCA, FFA, E-Club, FBLA, and SGA. He attends Mt. Olive Baptist Church. Troy's greatest accomplishment is beating Charles Henderson.

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ZC's Campus Beauties



Pictured above are (l-r): Suzanna Stinson, first runner-up; Courtney Moran, Miss Campus Beauty; and Heather Davis, second runner-up.

by Emily Hughes

Courtney Moran was named Campus Beauty at the Twenty-third Rebel Beauty Pageant. Suzanna Stinson won first runner-up and Heather Davis won second runner-up. The purpose of the pageant is to select beauties to be featured in the yearbook.

Miss Courtney Moran is the sixteen-year-old daughter of John Roy and Darlene Moran. Suzanna Stinson is the fifteen-year-old daughter of David and Jackie Stinson. Heather Davis is the eighteen-year-old daughter of Neal and Kathy Davis.

Sharon Downing, the fourteen-year-old daughter of Steve and Julie Downing, was named the Junior Miss Campus Beauty. Jill Jirigith, the thirteen-year-old daughter of Edward and Nickie Jirigith, was the first runner-up. Sarah

Maddox, the twelve-year-old daughter of Dale and Paula Maddox, was the second runner-up.

Haley Flowers, the nine-year-old daughter of Kevin and Sherri Flowers, won the Miss Elementary Beauty. Ashley Wambles, the ten-year-old daughter of Tim and Carla Wambles, was the first runner-up. Ashley Smith, the nine-year-old daughter of Jim and Sharon Smith, was the second runner-up.

Miss Stephanie Berry, the six-year-old daughter of Levee and Sandra Berry, was named the Little Miss Campus Beauty. Miss Christina McWaters, the nine-year-old daughter of William D. and Tammy McWaters, was the first runner-up. Miss Heather Sanders, the seven-year-old daughter of Ricky and Lorri Sanders, was the second runner-up.

by Kim Brown

Recently seniors from Zion Chapel High School were asked to give some helpful hints for the freshmen. Here are their responses:

Christina Brannan-Don't take school too seriously. Keep in mind that you are here to learn and to have fun.

Heather Davis-Stay in school. Don't let your grades slip.

Suzanne McCarty-Don't let your grades slip. Stay in school. Don't let your grades slip.

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Amanda Lewis-Don't

Views From THE PRESSBOX By Ricky Mularg, Sports Editor

Our little first-grader got a pair of boots for Christmas, and even though the boots have long shoe-strings and she has a hard time keeping them tied, Melanie wears the boots to school almost every day. I help her tie the boots in the morning and make sure the strings are tied tight; however, recently she has come home with them tied in double-knots, and we both have to work to get them untied. I appreciate all the help from her teacher, but wonder if I could make it easier for everyone involved if I just cut the strings a few inches.

ELBA TIGERS SNAP LOSING STREAK WITH BIG WIN

The Elba Tigers took out the frustrations of their eight-game losing streak on the Luverne Tigers Friday night and buried their arch-rivals 70-54 to put an end to the long victory drought. The two teams put on perhaps the worst exhibition of basketball seen in years in the first half as both teams had more turnovers than baskets; however, Elba came to life in the third quarter and poured in 28 third quarter points to blow the game open. Luverne never managed to get any closer than 13-points the remainder of the game, and the big win was capped off by a two-hand dunk by Elba's Brian Rowe that sent the crowd into a frenzy. I'll admit that Luverne isn't the best team around and that Elba didn't play anywhere near a perfect game, but the Tigers showed in the second half that they still have the desire and proved to me that they are a long way from being dead and buried. The only game most people remember is the last one you play, so the Tigers need to forget their record and play 'em one at a time from here on out. There is a lot of fun left to be had if they can keep on winning!

The win Friday night was also special in that it came in front of Shandez Daniels, the Elba student-athlete that was left paralyzed by a football injury this season. Daniels has been hospitalized since the injury, but Friday night was back at school and watched the Tigers get back in the win column. It was an emotional win for the Tigers, and an emotional time for everyone in the gym. Welcome home, Shank!

NOT ALL AREA TEAMS TAKING STEPS FORWARD

The high school basketball season is fast winding down, and with only one week left before the start of the Area tournaments, it appears that some of the local teams may not be where they had hoped to be at this time in the season. Here's a look at what has happened....

***NEW BROCKTON (15-7)** lost late in the week to 6A Enterprise, but the Gamecocks are playing their best ball of the season and have to be considered a favorite to make a run at the state tournament. The Gamecocks have learned a lot in losses to such teams as 6A Enterprise, 5A Andalusia, 5A Opp and 2A Goshen, and appear ready to use what they have learned in their run for state. If you are looking to hitch your wagon to a winner, these Gamecocks could take you a long way.

***BRANTLEY (14-3)** has taken on a new look in recent weeks and the new enthusiasm of the younger players, combined with the experience of the seniors on the roster, has made the Bulldogs a team to watch. Brantley has a few minor kinks in its armor, such as a lack of size and questionable ball-handling; however, the Bulldogs are filled with confidence and believe that if they play well they can indeed make a return to state and go after a fourth straight state championship. If the "Dogs can get by Goshen and Clayton in the Area tourney, anything could happen.

***KINSTON (10-11)** took a giant step backwards with three straight losses two weeks ago, but have begun to recover and are still a team to reckon with as tourney time nears. The Bulldogs have as much talent as any 1A team around and have as much depth as any team in any class, the problem has been playing with consistency every night out and playing well for four quarters. If Kinston will quit worrying about losing, and just go out and play hard, it might have a lot more fun.

***ZION CHAPEL (5-9)** has as good a starting five as any 1A team around, but the Rebels haven't learned how to pace themselves and have lost a lot of games in the second half after pulling out to a big first half lead. This team is as dangerous as any team to be found and can knock off any team on its schedule on any given night. While the record may not impress you, don't let it fool ya. Zion Chapel is dangerous and could be a spoiler come tournament time.

ONCE OVER LIGHTLY....

I wrote about the dangers of hunting last week, and this week read where a duck hunter was shot by his own dog. It seems that the dog had fetched a duck for his master, but when the hunter tried to get the duck from the dog, the dog stepped on a gun and shot the hunter. Both the hunter and dog are doing fine, and no charges were filed. Maybe hunting is more dangerous than I thought.

The girl's division of the Elba Youth Basketball League enjoyed its second week of action last Saturday morning and it was amazing how much the girls have improved in just two short weeks. The first week the two teams combined to score 10 points, but last week the teams ripped the nets for 30 points, and the game was well played on both ends of the court. The coaches are doing a great job teaching the girls the fundamentals, and the girls are proving that they too can, and want, to play the game.

This is the time of the year that high school sports gets a little hectic, as basketball season heads into the tournaments, high school softball and baseball begin try-outs and practice, and many high school football teams are getting ready for spring training. The abolishment of spring training is now impossible with some state schools holding class year round, but one solution to the problem would be to rule that prohibits any school from holding practice in more than one sport at the same time. No matter what the answer, something needs to be done as far as athletic scheduling at the high school level.

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SPORTS

Snaps eight-game losing streak

Elba outscores Luverne 70-54

The Elba Tigers used a 28-point third quarter explosion to blow the game open and never looked back Friday night as they blasted the Luverne Tigers 70-54, in Elba.

The win snapped Elba's eight-game losing streak and upped the Tigers' record to 5-9, 1-3 in Area 4 play, while Luverne slipped to 5-12, 1-3 in Area 4 action, with the loss.

The Elba offense came out sputtering in the opening stanza and for much of the quarter had more turnovers than points. Brian Rowe gave the Tigers a boost with two baskets to put Elba on top 6-2 with 3:35 left in the quarter, and at the end of the stanza the Tigers were still ahead, but only slightly, as their lead was down to 9-8.

Michael Reed and Brian Reed combined for six quick points in the second quarter as the Tigers' lead grew to 15-10 with 6:20 left in the half; however, it was five minutes before Elba would get back on the scoreboard, and it took a late 4-0 run by the Tigers to regain the lead at 21-19 at intermission.

Elba's Leray Smedley re-entered the game in the third quarter after sitting out over 12 minutes of the first half with an injury, and the return of Smedley combined with the play of Chris Tyson pumped life into the Elba offense, as the Tigers opened the third quarter with a 9-2 run to open up a 30-21 lead with 5:10 left in the quarter.

Elba's lead went to 35-23 with 3:35 left in the stanza on a Chris Tyson jumper, and the Tigers never slowed down offensively. As Elba closed the quarter with a 10-2 spurt to pull out to a 49-30 lead with only one stanza left to play.

Luverne began to gamble defensively in an attempt to get back in the game, and the visitors did manage to cut the lead to 63-50 with 1:06 left on the clock. However, a dunk by the Tigers' Brian Rowe pushed the Elba lead to 70-52 with :23 left and the Tigers easily held on for the big 70-54 win.

Chris Tyson scored 16 points, including 13 in the third quarter, to lead Elba, while Brian Rowe added 16 and Michael Reed scored 14. Knighton scored 13 for Luverne.

E 9 12 28 21 - 70
L 8 11 21 24 - 54

Elba (70): Davis 2, Smedley 9, Daniels 11, Terrence Kyles 10, O. Rowe 16, Rayborn 4, Reed 14. Luverne (54): Reed 2, Smith 12, Parks 2, Freeman 7, Willis 11, Knighton 13, Jones 7.

(R GAME)

The Elba B team pushed its record to 7-6 with a 48-24 romp past Luverne.

The Tigers jumped all over their visitors in the opening stanza, grabbing a 16-0 lead, and were never threatened as they rolled to the top-sided win.

D'Undray Peterson scored 13 points and Tim Ware added 12 to lead Elba.

Elba (48): Jordan 9, Hodge 2, Reed 2, K. Mitchell 1, Davis 3, Peterson 13, Ware 12.

Luverne (24): Jackson 9, Rolling 2, Rolling 2, McGee 4, Looney 2, Lowery 3, Balens 2.

Turkey callers to meet Feb.22 at Marengo Acad.

The Alabama Turkey Hunters Hall of Fame will sponsor its 10th annual "Turkey Calling Contest" on Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Marengo Academy Coliseum, located on Highway 3 in Linden, Alabama.

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Elba Tiger coach Harrison Mims (right) talks with players during a time-out in recent Elba action. The Tigers snapped their eight-game losing streak Friday night with a 70-54 romp past the Luverne Tigers. Elba will be on the road this week as they travel to Opp on Friday night and Samson on Saturday night.

Tigers fall to top-ranked Red Devils 89-49

The Elba Tigers fell behind early and could never catch-up last Tuesday night as they fell to the Louisville Red Devils 89-49, in Louisville.

The loss left the Tigers with a 4-9 record, 0-3 in Area 4 play, while Louisville improved its record to 18-1, 4-0 in Area action.

Louisville came out hitting on all cylinders offensively and jumped out to a 25-11 lead over the Tigers. The Red Devils continued to light-up the scoreboard in the second quarter as their lead went to 48-30, and the Tigers never threatened as the Devils rolled to the big 89-49 win.

Michael Reed scored 15 points and Brian Rowe added 13 to lead Elba, while Faulk led Louisville with 22 points.

L 25 23 19 22 - 89
E 11 19 10 9 - 49

Louisville (89): K. Govan 12, S. Govan 7, Walker 3, Williams 2, O. Govan 2, Scott 6, Faulk 22, Johnson 2, White 10, T. Williams 3, McCrae 14.

Elba (49): Smedley 4, Daniels 4, Tyson 5, Robinson 1, Rowe 13, Rayborn 7, Reed 15.

(R GAME)

The Elba B team saw its record slip to 6-6 with a 50-25 loss to Louisville.

The Tigers fell behind 18-4 after one stanza and trailed 30-10 at the half, as they took the lopsided road loss.

Marcus Siler scored 9 points to lead Elba.

Louisville (50): Gilbert 4, D. Jones 2, Grubb 8, March 9, Fulphur 13, E. Jones 6, Burks 8.

Elba (25): Smedley 2, Mitchell 5, Siler 9, Davis 2, Peterson 5, Ware 2.

Sixers and Heat remain undefeated

The Elba Youth Basketball League continued its season last week with the Heat and Sixers remaining unbeaten in their respective age divisions.

Scoring for the Rockets were Chad Suley 4, Chris Eiland 2 and Alan Head 1.

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MAYVS 29

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Conference to be held at S. Central AL Independent Living Services Feb. 2

A conference will be held by the South Central Alabama Independent Living Services Office for Citizens with Disabilities on February 2, 1996 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Covington County Health Department. Presentations will be made by Mr. Tim Butts, Rehabilitation Counselor II for Area #4 with the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services. Ms. Monty Killebrew, an Independent Living specialist for Area #4 will share her experiences. Mrs. Gail Adams, Executive Director for South Central Alabama Independent Living Services, will also be available for questions.

The public is invited to attend.

News Among Our Service Folks

JOHN R. HOLLOMAN

Air Force Airman John R. Holloman has arrived for duty at Beale Air Force Base, Texas. Holloman, an installation entry controller, is the son of John S. and Ruby L. Holloman of New Brockton, Alabama.



PEANUT ESSAY WINNERS...The Coffee County 4-H Peanut Essay Winners for 1995 were: 1st place-Rachel Grimes, 6th grader at Kinston, daughter of Randy and Johanne Grimes; 2nd place-Traci Whitaker, 7th grader at Coppingville, daughter of Sue Medley; and 3rd place-Becky Dawn, 6th grader at Kinston, daughter of Diane Dawn. Shown above (l to r) are Rachel Grimes; Mrs. Northrop, principal of Kinston Elementary School; and Becky Dawn.

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Third Grade
Breanna Hattaway, Britany Holley, Billy Johnson, Josh Reeves, Tiffany Wilson.

Fourth Grade
Jeremy Driver, Courtney Farris, Shae Farris, Jonathan Hattaway, Meagan King, Amanda Lashley, Bridgette Marlowe, Ashley Moore, Megan Pland, Ricky Powell, Ashley Rushing, Lacey Sherwood, Hillary Sumlin, Samantha Wambles, Jeremy Wiggins, Benjamin Wise.

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Perfect Attendance

Honor Roll

Kindergarten

Erick Ellis, Justin Gilsom, Frankie Mack, Ethan Nobles, Courtney Pierce, Monica Wilford.

Overweight trucks causing costly damage to highways

When engineers plan and design highways and bridges to move people and goods safely and quickly from place to place, their work is based on the weight of the heaviest loaded tractor-trailer truck allowed by law.

In fact, engineers say that the weight on one fully loaded 18-wheel truck causes the same damage as 9,600 regular-sized automobiles to highways and bridges. Those figures are used in the design of each highway and bridge in Alabama's 11,000-mile highway system.

Despite the weight factors built into the design of roads and bridges, every time a truck carrying a load greater than the legal weight limit travels over highways and bridges, it causes costly damage that taxpayers must pay for in the way of expensive repair, maintenance and, in some cases, road and bridge replacement.

Today, more than 2,000 miles of highway in Alabama need repair or replacement and 116 bridges need to be replaced. Hundreds more need repairs and improvement.

The maximum legal weight for vehicles of any type to travel highways in Alabama is 80,000 pounds. Heavier weights are allowed by special permits when more axles are added or other steps are taken to reduce the weight damage on the highway surface.

Highway engineers say overweight trucks and frequency of that weight being applied to the highways and bridges are the major factors causing wear and deterioration, not weather and the environment.

Weather and environment do not change at the centerline of a highway pavement. Yet the right or the left side of the road is the one carrying most of the heavy truck traffic will typically be in much worse condition than the left or passing lane.

Since the effects of weather and environment are the same on both the right and left lanes, the difference in wear between the lanes can be clearly attributed to the greater frequency of heavy truck loads onto the right lane or the one most used by trucks.

The heavy truck loads on the right lane will often cause cracks to appear here first. Water then seeps into the cracks. Continued exposure of heavy truck loads, mixed with water, speeds the rate of deterioration.

Those who use the highways and bridges must pay for the repairs - and in some cases, replacements - forced by the repeated use of weight loads over the legal limit.

Almost all of the funds to build, maintain and replace highways and bridges come from highway user taxes and fees, such as gasoline and diesel fuel taxes and registration and inspection fees.

When overweight trucks tear their way along Alabama's highways, more of the highway user fees go to pay for repairs and maintenance, instead of being used for badly needed new highways and bridges.

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SEVERAL POLICE MATTERS CONSUME MUCH OF THE TOWN COUNCIL'S MEETING TIME

New Brockton's City Council spends hour behind closed doors

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The New Brockton City Council spent a solid hour in executive session with City Attorney Joe Sawyer Monday night talking about the police chief. Throughout the hour the chief and another policeman came and went from the room.

Apparently Chief Charles Driggers did something city officials didn't like because the hum of voices coming from the mayor's office became a roar at times. At one time the city clerk opened the door and told council members their voices were loud enough to be heard outside the closed room.

After the group returned to open session, council member Charles Cole made a motion recommending the mayor reprimand Chief Driggers in writing and explain what is expected of him and the letter become a part of the council minutes. Council members voted unanimously in favor of the motion and Mayor Katherine Holly indicated she would write the letter.

The chief reported the police had received 11 complaints during the month. They made 15 arrests and issued 29 traffic citations. These citations included three for DUI and one for child restraint violation.

The rescue squad made 17 runs and the fire department responded to one fire.

Chief Driggers reported that Officer Griswold and completed the inter-tolizer school and scored 98 on the final test.

A request to send two officers to a one day school in Bay Minette was denied by the council. They did urge the participation in a school in Greenville because it is cheaper and would be more beneficial to the officers. The council also asked Driggers to look into attending some of the house continuing education classes being held by the Enterprise Police Department.

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night (February 7) in a working session to study the city flood and the zoning maps. Suggested changes will be incorporated in new maps to be prepared.

Earl Smith and James Farris were appointed to the Board of Adjustments. Their terms expire on January 1, 1999.

Monthly bills totaling \$6,233.14 were approved for payment.

Holley told council members she had made "an executive decision" last week with the pending cold weather coming and ordered an electric generator for city hall.

The generator the police and city hall had been using would not serve the needs during any future power outages, she explained.

However, since no outages were experienced, the generator hasn't been used and Mrs. Holley asked what the council wanted to do with the unit.

Council members voted unanimously to pay for the \$599.00 purchase and keep the generator for future emergencies.

Council member Roseann Lewis asked what was being done about a commercial sign which was blocking the view of oncoming traffic on main street. She was told the owner

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